

EXAM GENIUS

Presents

GENIUS CURRENT AFFAIRS

In English

07 March 2026



Achieve Success with Exam Genius - Your Ultimate Guide to Reasoning Mastery !



Ques: Which organization approved the acquisition of additional stake in Generali insurance companies by Central Bank of India?

- A) Reserve Bank of India
- B) Competition Commission of India
- C) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India
- D) Securities and Exchange Board of India
- E) Ministry of Finance

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Competition Commission of India (CCI) approved the acquisition of additional stake in Generali insurance companies by Central Bank of India.
- The bank will acquire 1.09% additional equity in Generali Central Insurance Company Limited (GCICL).
- It will also acquire 0.82% additional equity in Generali Central Life Insurance Company Limited (GCLICL).

About Competition Commission of India

- Established: 2003 (under Competition Act, 2002)
- Headquarters: New Delhi, India
- Chairperson: Ravneet Kaur

About: Central Bank of India

- Established : 1911
- Headquarters : Mumbai, India
- MD & CEO : Kalyan Kumar





Ques: 'Sudarshan', an AI-based surveillance system recently in news, has been deployed by which organization?

- A) Reserve Bank of India
- B) Securities and Exchange Board of India
- C) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India
- D) Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority
- E) National Stock Exchange

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has deployed an in-house Artificial Intelligence system named Sudarshan.
- The system scans large volumes of audio, video, and text content across digital platforms to detect suspicious financial content.
- It identifies patterns of unregistered investment advisory activities and misleading financial claims.
- The main objective is to strengthen market surveillance and protect investors from fraud.

EXAM
Genius





Recent News Headlines Related to SEBI

- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) introduced major reforms in the ₹81 lakh crore Indian mutual fund industry.
- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) issued a consultation paper, proposing to shift Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs) to a T+1 reference price system to reduce pricing lag and improve alignment with underlying asset movements.
- ASK Asset & Wealth Management Group received regulatory approval from Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) to start operations as an Investment Manager for the Mutual Fund (MF) business in India.
- Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has constituted a dedicated working group to review the regulatory framework for ESG Rating Providers (ERPs).
- A SEBI survey revealed that out of 33.72 crore Indian households, only 3.21 crore households (9.5%) invest in securities such as equities, mutual funds, and corporate bonds.
- PhonePe has received approval from the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) to launch its IPO.





Ques: Poland, which recently withdrew from the 1997 Ottawa Convention, had ratified the treaty in which year?

- A) 2008
- B) 2010
- C) 2015
- D) 2012
- E) 2018

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- Poland officially withdrew from the Ottawa Convention on 20 February 2026.
- Poland had originally ratified the treaty in 2012.
- The decision allows Poland to redeploy anti-personnel landmines along its eastern borders with Russia (Kaliningrad region) and Belarus.
- The move comes amid heightened security concerns following the Russian invasion of Ukraine.
- Under the plan, Poland aims to deploy minefields along its 600+ km eastern frontier within 48 hours if a serious threat emerges.

About Ottawa Convention:

- The Ottawa Convention bans the use, production, stockpiling, and transfer of anti-personnel landmines.
- Its main objective is to prevent long-term civilian casualties caused by landmines.
- Poland ratified the treaty in 2012 and destroyed its mine stockpiles by 2016, but has now reversed that commitment.

About Ottawa Convention :

- Established : 1997
- HQ : Geneva, Switzerland (Implementation Support Unit - ISU)
- Depositary : Secretary-General of the United Nations (New York)
- 2026 President : Chile (Ambassador Marta Mauras current President of the Meeting of the States Parties)
- Signatories / Parties : 164 State Parties (prior to recent withdrawals)





Ques: The “Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses (Dalhan Aatmanirbharta Mission)” aims to achieve self-sufficiency in pulses in India by which year?

- A) 2025
- B) 2027
- C) 2028
- D) 2030
- E) 2035

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

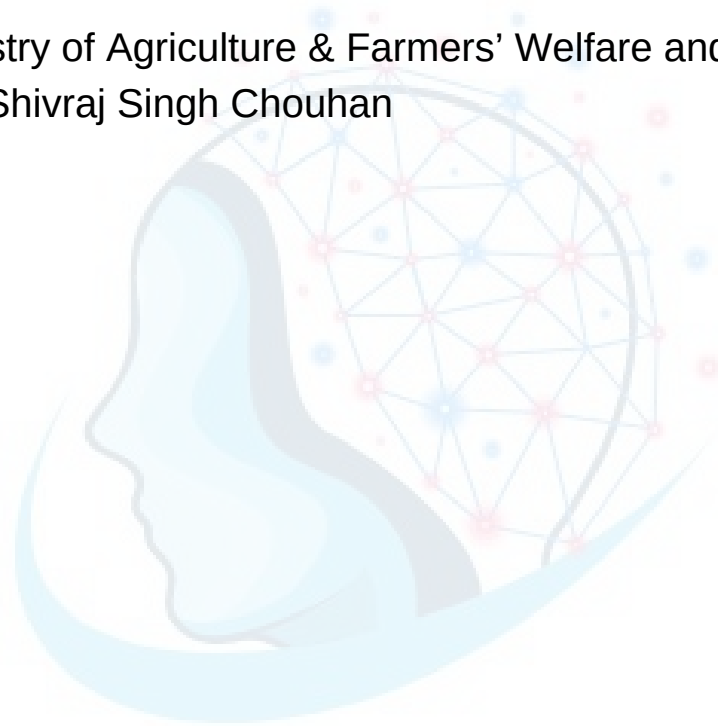
- Shivraj Singh Chouhan chaired a high-level review meeting of National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd (NAFED) to accelerate the Self-Reliance in Pulses Mission.
- The mission is officially called the Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses (Dalhan Aatmanirbharta Mission).
- The duration of the mission is 6 years (2025–26 to 2030–31).
- The total outlay of the mission is ₹11,440 crore.
- The main objective is to achieve self-sufficiency in pulses by 2027 and become fully self-reliant by 2030–31.
- The mission focuses on key pulses such as Tur (Arhar), Urad, and Masoor.
- The production target is to increase pulses production to 350 lakh tonnes by 2030–31.
- NAFED and NCCF are the central nodal agencies responsible for 100% procurement of these pulses from farmers at MSP.
- The mission also plans to establish 1,000 processing and packaging units with subsidies up to ₹25 lakh per unit.
- Regulatory frameworks mentioned include PSS (Price Support Scheme), PSF (Price Stabilisation Fund), and PM-AASHA.





About NAFED (National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd.) :

- Established : 1958
- HQ : New Delhi
- Parent Ministry : Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare and Rural Development
- Union Minister : Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan



EXAM
Genius





Recent News Headlines Related to First in india and world :

- The total project length of India's first underwater Road-cum-Rail tunnel is 33.7 km.
- The Kerala State Cabinet, chaired by Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, approved India's first comprehensive graphene policy.
- World No. 1 Magnus Carlsen won the 2026 FIDE Freestyle Chess World Championship.
- Rekha Gupta inaugurated the first CM Shri School at Sarojini Nagar.
- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved the construction of India's first underwater twin-tube road-cum-rail tunnel beneath the Brahmaputra River in Assam.
- Delhi has become the first state in India to formally partner with Bharat Taxi's cooperative mobility platform, marking a major shift in the organisation of urban taxi services
- Researchers from 28 medical and research institutions across six states and two Union Territories have established India's first national biobank dedicated to Lysosomal Storage Disorders (LSDs).





Ques: India's first river lighthouses are being constructed on which National Waterway?.

- A) National Waterway-1
- B) National Waterway-2
- C) National Waterway-3
- D) National Waterway-4
- E) National Waterway-5

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Sarbananda Sonowal laid the foundation stone for India's first river lighthouses.
- Four river lighthouses will be constructed on the Brahmaputra River, which is designated as National Waterway-2 (NW-2) in Assam.
- The lighthouses will be built at Bogibeel (Dibrugarh), Pandu (Kamrup Metropolitan), Silghat (Nagaon), and Biswanath Ghat (Biswanath).
- The total project cost for the four lighthouses is about ₹84 crore.
- The project will improve navigation safety and strengthen inland water transport on the Brahmaputra River.

Additional Facts:

- Origin of the Brahmaputra River – Angsi Glacier, Tibet.
- In India, the river flows through Arunachal Pradesh and Assam.





Ques: Indian-origin Canadian-American writer Padma Viswanathan was longlisted for the International Booker Prize 2026 for her English translation of which novel?

- A) The Alchemist
- B) On Earth As It Is Beneath
- C) The Vegetarian
- D) Tomb of Sand
- E) A House for Mr Biswas

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Padma Viswanathan, a Canadian-American writer and translator of Indian origin, has been longlisted for the International Booker Prize 2026.
- She was nominated for her English translation of the novel *On Earth As It Is Beneath*.
- The novel was originally written by Brazilian author Ana Paula Maia.
- The International Booker Prize is one of the world's most prestigious literary awards that recognizes translated fiction published in English.
- The prize money is £50,000, shared equally between the author and the translator.
- In 2026, 13 books were selected for the longlist from 128 submissions, representing works translated from 11 different languages.
- Padma Viswanathan is also known for her internationally acclaimed novel *The Toss of a Lemon* (2008) and has previously been shortlisted for the PEN Center USA Fiction Prize and the Scotiabank Giller Prize.





Recent News Headlines Related to Awards & Winners :

- **GSMA Lifetime Achievement Award : Sunil Bharti Mittal, Founder and Chairman of Bharti Enterprises**
- **Award of Merit at the 2025 UNESCO Asia-Pacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation : Our Lady of Grace Cathedral, located in Papydy village, Vasai in Maharashtra**
- **“Business Leader of the Year” award : Karan Adani**
- **FIPI Award 2025 for ‘Oil & Gas Production Company of the Year’ : Oil India Limited**
- **Chang–Crandall Humanitarian Award 2026 : Dr. Haripriya Aravind and Dr. R. Venkatesh from Puducherry**
- **Swachhata Pakhwada Awards 2025 : Paradip Port Authority (PPA), Odisha**
- **22nd Upendra Nath Brahma ‘Soldier of Humanity’ Award 2025 : Dorji Wangmo Wangchuck, the Queen Mother of Bhutan**
- **Global Teacher Prize 2026 : Rouble Nagi, an Indian teacher and social activist**
- **“Ramoji Excellence Award 2025” in the category of Excellence in Journalism : Jaideep Hardikar, a senior journalist and researcher**





Ques: The Indian Women's Cricket Team was nominated for which prestigious global award in 2026?

- A) Ballon d'Or
- B) Laureus World Team of the Year Award
- C) Arjuna Award
- D) Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award
- E) Wisden Team of the Year

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The India women's national cricket team has been nominated for the Laureus World Team of the Year Award 2026, one of the most prestigious global sports honours.
- The nomination came after the team won its maiden title in the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2025.
- The team became the first women's cricket team in history to be nominated for this prestigious global sports award.

About Laureus World Sports Awards:

- Established: 2000
- Headquarters: London, United Kingdom.





Ques: The CHEOPS satellite, which recently discovered an unusual “inside-out” planetary system around the star LHS 1903, belongs to which space agency?

- A) NASA
- B) JAXA
- C) ISRO
- D) Roscosmos
- E) ESA

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- The CHEOPS mission of the European Space Agency (ESA) discovered an unusual four-planet system around the star LHS 1903.
- Astronomers led by Thomas Wilson from the University of Warwick identified the fourth planet in the system.
- The system is called an “Inside-Out Planetary System” because its order of planets is Rocky → Gaseous → Gaseous → Rocky.
- The outermost planet LHS 1903e is rocky, which is unusual because outer planets are normally gas giants.

Planets in the LHS 1903 System:

- LHS 1903b – Rocky (Inner Planet)
 - LHS 1903c – Gaseous
 - LHS 1903d – Gaseous
 - LHS 1903e – Rocky (Outermost Planet)
 - LHS 1903c – Gaseous Planet
 - LHS 1903d – Gaseous Planet
 - LHS 1903e – Rocky (Outer Planet – “Late Bloomer”)
- This discovery challenges the traditional model of planetary formation seen in our Solar System, where inner planets are rocky and outer planets are gaseous.





Recent News headlines related to Sports

- Argentine tennis player Tomás Martín Etcheverry won his first ATP Tour title by clinching the ATP 500 Rio Open 2026 held in Brazil. He defeated Chile's Alejandro Tabilo in the final
- Jammu and Kashmir created history by winning their maiden Ranji Trophy title in the 2025–26 season.
- The Milano Cortina 2026 Olympic Winter Games were held in northern Italy from February 6 to 22, 2026.
- India scored 256/4 against Zimbabwe in Chennai, its highest-ever total in T20 World Cup history.
- Indian shooting legend Abhinav Bindra announced the end of his eight-year tenure as Vice-Chair of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) Athletes' Commission.
- Tejaswin Shankar clinched a historic gold medal at the Asian Indoor Athletics Championships.
- Pankaj Advani, Indian billiards and snooker player and Padma awardee, won the inaugural Liber Win Champions Cup 2026.





Ques: Census-2027 will become India's first census conducted using which method?

- A) Paper-based enumeration
- B) Manual household survey
- C) Fully digital tools
- D) Satellite survey only
- E) Hybrid census method

Answer: Option C

Explanation:

- Amit Shah unveiled the mascots “Pragati” (female) and “Vikas” (male) for Census-2027 in New Delhi.
- Census-2027 will be India's first fully digital census, conducted using four digital platforms.
- The four digital tools include HLBC Web Application, HLO Mobile App, Self-Enumeration (SE) Portal, and CMMS Portal.

About Census of India:

- First Census in India: 1872
- First complete synchronous Census: 1881.





Ques: The first Dark Sky Park of Tamil Nadu has been inaugurated at which place?

- A) Ooty
- B) Yercaud
- C) Valparai
- D) Kodaikanal
- E) Kolli Hills

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- R. S. Rajakannappan inaugurated Tamil Nadu's first Dark Sky Park at Ariyur Shola Reserve Forest in Kolli Hills, located in Namakkal district of Tamil Nadu.
- The initiative aims to promote astro-tourism in the state.
- The park has been developed at a cost of ₹1 crore.
- It is equipped with three advanced telescopes and solar-powered infrastructure.
- The park will mainly operate from 15 January to 15 June, when the sky remains clear for observation.

Additional Fact:

- Pench Tiger Reserve in Madhya Pradesh became India's first official Dark Sky Park in 2024 under the International Dark-Sky Places Programme, and it is also Asia's fifth internationally recognized Dark Sky Park.





Ques: President Droupadi Murmu appointed new Governors for seven states under which Article of the Constitution of India?

- A) Article 148
- B) Article 155
- C) Article 280
- D) Article 324
- E) Article 356

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Droupadi Murmu announced new Governors for seven states and Lt. Governors for two Union Territories.
- Major appointments include R. N. Ravi as the Governor of West Bengal and Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar given additional charge of Tamil Nadu.
- Article 155 of the Constitution of India states that the Governor of a state is appointed by the President of India.
- The Governor acts as the constitutional head of the state and generally serves a five-year term.
- The reshuffle comes ahead of important Assembly elections in several states.

New Governors Appointed

- Jishnu Dev Varma – Maharashtra
- Shiv Pratap Shukla – Telangana
- Kavinder Gupta – Himachal Pradesh
- Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Syed Ata Hasnain – Bihar
- Nand Kishore Yadav – Nagaland
- R.N. Ravi – West Bengal
- Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar – Additional Charge of Tamil Nadu





Lt. Governors Appointed | उपराज्यपाल

- Taranjit Singh Sandhu – Delhi
- Vinai Kumar Saxena – Ladakh



EXAM
Genius





Recent News Headlines related to Defence

- President Droupadi Murmu undertook a sortie in the indigenously developed Light Combat Helicopter (LCH) 'Prachand' at Air Force Station, Jaisalmer, Rajasthan.
- Indian Army successfully conducted a high-intensity live firing test of the Strela-10 Very Short Range Air Defence System (VSHORADS) at the Pokhran Field Firing Range in Rajasthan.
- Vast Space signed an order with NASA for its sixth Private Astronaut Mission (PAM) to the International Space Station.
- The Indian Navy has assumed command of Combined Task Force 154 (CTF-154), a multinational training task force under the Combined Maritime Forces (CMF).
- In February 2026, IN-SPACE, the commercial and regulatory arm of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), selected three Indian private startups under the Satellite Bus as a Service (SBaaS) initiative.
- Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has identified Mons Mouton-4, located in the Mons Mouton region near the Moon's south pole, as the prospective touchdown zone for the Chandrayaan-4 mission.





Ques: The Suav, recently ordered by the National Green Tribunal to be reclassified as a river, is a tributary of which river?

- A) Rapti
- B) Ghaghara
- C) Ganga
- D) Gomti
- E) Yamuna

Answer: Option A

Explanation:

- The National Green Tribunal ordered the Uttar Pradesh government to officially reclassify the Suav River in Balrampur district as a river instead of a drain (nullah).
- The tribunal directed the state government to update its status in the Official Gazette and Revenue Records within three months.
- The decision mainly affects Balrampur district and Siddharthnagar district in Uttar Pradesh.
- If the order is not followed, it will be treated as a criminal offence under Section 26 of the NGT Act, 2010.
- The Suav River is a major tributary of the Rapti River and flows for about 120 km before joining it near Rasoolabad.
- The NGT also directed authorities to adopt the Sant Seechewal Model for rejuvenating the Suav river.
- The Sant Seechewal Model is a low-cost, community-driven approach for river cleaning and sewage management.





Ques: Which country secured 1st position in the Global Residence Programme Index 2026 published by Henley & Partners?

- A) UAE
- B) Italy
- C) Switzerland
- D) Greece
- E) Singapore

Answer: Option D

Explanation:

- The Global Residence Programme Index 2026, published by Henley & Partners, ranks the world's leading residence-by-investment programmes.
- Greece secured the 1st position in the 2026 ranking.
- The United Arab Emirates achieved joint 2nd position along with Italy and Switzerland.
- This is the first time the UAE has entered the top three, improving from 5th place in the previous edition.
- The index evaluates 40 leading residence programmes worldwide.
- The report also highlights the growing importance of emerging hubs such as Singapore, Costa Rica, and Panama.





Ques: The SANKALP scheme, recently criticized by the Public Accounts Committee for poor implementation, is related to which sector?

- A) Agricultural irrigation
- B) Skill development and vocational training
- C) Urban housing
- D) Renewable energy
- E) Rural health services

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- The SANKALP Scheme is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme aimed at strengthening India's skill development ecosystem.
- The Public Accounts Committee, chaired by K. C. Venugopal, criticized the Union Government for the poor planning and slow implementation of the scheme.
- Despite a total outlay of ₹4,455 crore, an audit by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India found that less than half of the funds were utilized in six years.
- According to the report, only 44% of the allocated budget was spent between FY 2017–18 and FY 2023–24.
- Under World Bank assistance, the first tranche of \$250 million resulted in a disbursement of ₹1,606.15 crore, but the ministry used only ₹850.71 crore by December 2023.
- The scheme aims to strengthen institutional frameworks for short-term skill training, enhance industry linkages, and improve market connectivity.
- It also promotes inclusion of marginalized groups such as SC, ST, women, and persons with disabilities (PwDs).
- SANKALP promotes decentralized skilling through District Skill Committees (DSCs) and initiatives such as the Mahatma Gandhi National Fellowship (MGNF).
- The Public Accounts Committee is a parliamentary committee that examines audit reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India and consists of 22 members (15 from Lok Sabha and 7 from Rajya Sabha).





- The Comptroller and Auditor General of India is an independent constitutional authority established under Article 148 of the Constitution of India to audit government receipts and expenditures.
- Under SANKALP, funds from the World Bank are released based on Disbursement Linked Indicators (DLIs), meaning funds are provided only after specific results or milestones are achieved.

About SANKALP (Skill Acquisition and Knowledge Awareness for Livelihood Promotion) :

- Launched : January 19, 2018 (Approved Oct 2017)
- Nodal Ministry : Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE)
- Total Outlay : ₹4,455 Crore
- Funding Split World Bank: ₹3,300 Cr | States: ₹660 Cr | Industry: ₹495Cr
- Current Deadline : Extended to March 2024 (Originally March 2023)
- Key Authority : Public Accounts Committee (Chairperson: K.C. Venugopal)

EXAM
Genius





Ques: The President of Finland, Alexander Stubb, delivered the keynote address at which global conference whose 11th edition began in New Delhi in 2026?

- A) World Economic Forum
- B) Raisina Dialogue
- C) G20 Summit
- D) BRICS Summit
- E) ASEAN Summit

Answer: Option B

Explanation:

- Narendra Modi inaugurated the 11th edition of the Raisina Dialogue in New Delhi.
- The President of Finland, Alexander Stubb, delivered the keynote address and highlighted India's role in shaping the future world order.
- The theme of Raisina Dialogue 2026 is "Saṃskāra – Assertion, Accommodation, Advancement."
- The Raisina Dialogue is India's flagship conference on geopolitics and geoeconomics.
- It is organized by the Ministry of External Affairs, India in collaboration with the Observer Research Foundation.
- The Raisina Dialogue was first held in 2016, and its venue is New Delhi.





Ques: Ricky Andrew J. Syngkon, who recently passed away, was a Member of Parliament from which Lok Sabha constituency?

- A) Tura
- B) Kohima
- C) Jorhat
- D) Silchar
- E) Shillong

Answer: Option E

Explanation:

- Ricky Andrew J. Syngkon, Member of Parliament from the Shillong Lok Sabha constituency in Meghalaya, recently passed away.
- Before entering politics, he worked as an Assistant Professor of Economics at North-Eastern Hill University (NEHU).
- He began his political career with the Voice of the People Party.
- In the 2024 Indian General Election, he contested from the Shillong Lok Sabha constituency and entered the Lok Sabha as a first-time MP.

EXAM
Genius





IMPORTANT ONE - LINER Current Affairs

Scientists from the Australian Antarctic Program have confirmed that the deadly H5N1 bird flu has spread to Gentoo penguins and fur seals on Heard Island. The Gentoo penguin is now officially the first bird species on an Australian territory to test positive for H5N1.

The Uttarakhand Forest Department has officially recorded the first-ever sighting of Smooth-coated otters in the Nandhaur Wildlife Sanctuary. These rare, semi-aquatic mammals were captured via camera traps and mobile footage in the Nainital district.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi achieved a historic global milestone by crossing 100 million followers on Instagram, becoming the first world leader and politician to reach this mark on the platform.

The National Commission for Safai Karamcharis (NCSK) was established in 1994 under the National Commission for Safai Karamcharis Act, 1993. The commission works to ensure compensation in cases of sewer and septic tank accidents, including ₹30 lakh compensation for sewer deaths and ₹10–20 lakh for disabilities as per the 2023 Supreme Court ruling. The government has launched the NAMASTE Scheme (National Action for Mechanised Sanitation Ecosystem) to profile sanitation workers,

Om Birla, the Speaker of the Lok Sabha, constituted Parliamentary Friendship Groups (PFGs) with 64 countries in February 2026 to strengthen inter-parliamentary cooperation and legislative engagement. Each Parliamentary Friendship Group consists of around 11 members and is led by a Chairperson or Group Leader.

The prestigious Indian Air Force (IAF) Cup and Eastern Air Command (EAC) Cup horse races were organised on 25 February 2026 at the Royal Calcutta Turf Club. The Royal Calcutta Turf Club was established in 1847 and was granted the title “Royal” in 1912.





The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) has begun sharing critical data on dubious or suspicious transactions with the Directorate of Enforcement (ED). The objective is to recover nearly ₹4.28 trillion siphoned off by defaulting promoters before their companies entered the insolvency process.

